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UNDER 37 CFR §§1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98(d), Applicants would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner, the references cited in the following patent applications:

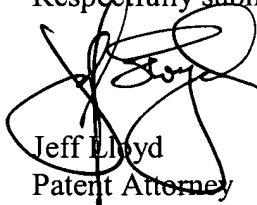
U.S. Serial No. 10/001,560; filed October 23, 2001;  
U.S. Serial No. 09/007,939; filed January 16, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,322,498);  
PCT International Application No. PCT/US97/17954; filed October 6, 1997; and  
U.S. Serial No. 08/725,779; filed October 4, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,115,523)

The subject application claims the benefit under 35 USC §120 of the filing date of the applications listed above. Applicants respectfully request that the copies of references cited during prosecution thereof, be made of record in this application. As copies of the references filed in the parent applications, and cited on the attached form PTO-1449, will be found in the parent casefiles, copies of those references are not provided herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the above-noted parent applications be considered in the examination of the subject application and their consideration be made of record.

Applicants respectfully assert that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statements.

Respectfully submitted,



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